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For:	Leadframe Strip Having Enhanced Testability)	
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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Dear Sir/Madam:

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Applicant hereby responds to the Final Office Action mailed January 7, 2005 in relation to the above-identified patent application. In that Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 24-31 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the Asano et al. reference. Additionally, the Examiner rejected Claims 14-23 under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of the Lee and Huang et al. references.

Independent Claims 24 and 28 are Not Anticipated by the Asano et al. Reference:

Referring now to the Section 102(b) rejection of Claims 24-31, Applicant respectfully submits that contrary to the Examiner's assertions, independent Claims 24 and 28 in their current form are not anticipated by the newly cited Asano et al. reference. The Asano et al. reference, in Figures 3A-3C highlighted by the Examiner in the subject Office Action, discloses a leadframe 32 comprising a plurality of inner leads 33 and outer leads 34. The inner and outer leads 33, 34 extend and are connected to a common tie bar 43, with such tie bar 43 defining the point of transition from each outer lead 34 to a respective one of the inner leads 33. Each inner lead 33 has an angled configuration. As seen in Figures 3A and 3B of the Asano et al. reference, the outer and inner leads 34, 33 are segregated into four separate